Notes from

Narayanganj

From Our Correspondent

Thirty five persons were injured in two separate road ac-

cident on Narayanganj-Dewra

road on May 29. Fifteen of

them were admitted to differ-

ent hospitals of Narayangani

According to police, 20

persons including three female

were injured when a passenger

bus from Narayanganj fell into

a ditch near Burma Eastern Oil

sons were injured when two

passenger buses collided

headon on Narayanganj-Dewra

road near Siddirganj Power

Station on the same day. Police

seized both buses while the

drivers managed to flee. Two

separate cases were instituted

with Siddirganj thana in this

Opium seized

one kg opium worth Taka

50,000 from Dhaka Baju

Sramik Quarter, Adamjeenagar

recently. Acting on a tip police

raided lines no 10 and 15 of

Dhaka Baju Sramik Quarter and

caught Gofran (32) and Babul

Siddirganj thana in this con-

Relief operation

A six-member relief team of

Narayanganj Press Club visited

the cyclone affected areas of

Cox's Bazar recently and dis-

tributed huge quantity of relief

goods among the distressed

people of Matar Bari Union.

The relief materials include

bread, rice, flattened and fried

rice, molasses, soap, candles,

sarees, matches, oral saline,

emergency medicines, lungi,

Committee of Leo Club of

Narayanganj city for 1991-92

was formed in a general meet-

ing held at Narayanganj Labour

Welfare Centre recently. All

A 13-members Executive

new and old clothes.

A case was filed with

(28) redhanded with opium.

Siddirganj police recovered

connection.

In another incident 15 per-

and Dhaka in critical state.

NARAYANGANJ, June 2:

Upazila roundup

NARAYANGANJ

Girl rescued

From Our Correspondent June 2: Firoza Begum (12) only sister of six brothers has been rescued by Narayanganj thana police from Tanbazar red light area on May 22.

Acting on a secret information, the police raided the brothel and recovered Firoza from Aysha's room who is a pimp of this brothel.

If is reported that Salcha, a member of a gang in women trafficking took Firoza from Lalmonirhat to Tanbazar brothel to offer her a better

employment two months ago. The police arrested two prostitutes namely Nazma and Kalpana but Aysha however fled

A case has been filed with Narayanganj thana is this connection.

SATKHIRA

Non-government schools plagued with problems

June 2: Most of the nongovernment secondary schools of the district have been plagued with manifold problems for a long time, reports

According to informed sources, in the absence of government affiliation these schools are not getting government grants and teachers benefit. As a result these schools cannot afford to pay the salary of the teachers and staff regularly.

Out of 176 schools in the district most of them are yet to get affiliation from the government. Finding no other way out many teachers have already left their jobs.

Besides, owing to fund constraint, these schools are running shortage of furniture, classrooms and educational appliances hampering education of the several thousand students.

Local elite have urged the authorities to take steps to accord affiliation to these schools and restore academic atmosphere without further delay.

MEHERPUR

Farmers burdened with debt

From Our Correspondent June 2: Farmers are selling

away ripe standing paddy at a very low price before harvesting in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts. Farmers are debt ridden for

cultivation of IRRI, Boro paddy. They have no other alternative but to sell their standing paddy to a section of financially solvent men at a very low price to meet up the expenditure of irrigation, inputs like diesel, seedlings, fertilizer and irrigation water etc.

The irrigation dealers have increased the rate of irrigation water taking advantage of hike price of diesel. Besides, due to severe drought in the region the farmers were compelled to purchase double irrigation water on credit from water deal-

It is also stated that some unscrupulous fertilizer dealers have created crisis in the fertilizer supply causing price hike of the item. The growers paddy are burdened with debt and failed to earn minimum

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One commits suicide

An old man allegedly committed suicide at village Khezurdanga in Sadar upazila by taking poison, police said here today.

BARISAL

Relief operation in progress

June 2: Massive relief and rehabilitation activities are going on in the tornado affected areas of Gouronadi and Agailjhara upazilas under the directive of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, reports

State Minister for Education Principal Moh-ammad Yunus Khan on Friday visited the affected areas of Gouronadi to see the progress of relief and rehabilitation activities.

The State Minister met the affected people and assured them that the government of BNP would always stand by the side of the distressed people. He directed the local administration to gear up relief operation. He also distributed rice. dal, potato and salt among the

victims. Later the State Minister directed the district administration for co-ordinated efforts of relief and rehabilitation programmes. He warned that any irregularities and failure would be dealt with severely.

Mrs Selina Rahman, MP accompanied the minister.

KERANIGANJ

Contribution of Zia recalled

June 2: Minister for **Education and Cultural Affairs** Prof. A.Q.M Badruddoza Chowdhury Yesterday said Shaheed Ziaur Rahman came forward to stand by the people in the hours of their need in

He said that none cold say what would have happened to the fate of the nation if Zia would not have declared independence in 1971 and given leadership in liberation war.

The Minister was address ing a meeting in observance of the 10th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman here Saturday afternoon. Organised by Keraniganj upazila BNP the meeting was addressed by political Adviser to BNP chairperson Justice Maksumul Hakim, Amanullah Aman MP, Secretary General of district BNP Prof Mohiuddin Ahmed and Chhatra Dal leader Fazlul Hog Milon.

The Education Minister said Shaheed Zia had established multi-party democracy and freedom of the press during his regime. Ziaur Rahman brought about a change in the orthodox way of governing the country. Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had taken steps towards improving the lots of the common people which were beyond imagination in the past, the Minister said.

Prof Chowdhury said Shaheed Zia had created a platform for the people irrespective of caste, creed and religious faith through Bangladeshi nationalism. He called upon the people to come forward to build a happy society being imbued with ideals of Shaheed President Zia.

MALJDEE COURT

Reconstruction of embankment needed

June 2: Delay in reconstructing a 5-mile long em bankment between Char Iswar and Burirchar of Hatiya upazila, damaged by April 29 cyclone and tidal surge, has increased the sufferings of the local

people, reports UNB. Despite assurance of State Minister for Textiles Maj (Retd) Abdul Mannan, reconstruction work has not started

Rashed Khan Menon MP Shajahan Straj MP, Mohiuddin Chowdhury MP and Matiur Rahman Nizami MP visited the spot and also assured the locals of speedy repair of the embankment.

NETRAKONA

6 get life-term for murder

June 2: Six people were sentenced to life term in connection with a murder case here Yesterday, reports UNB.

Court sources said each convict was fined Taka 1,000 and in default, will suffer rigorous imprisonment for another three months.

Sheikh Rezwan Ali, District and Sessions Judge, in judgement recently awarded the punishment to Idris Ali. Nabi Hossain, Habibur Rahman Hobt, Khursheda Banu and Ali

According to prosecution Jamaat leader Matiur Rahman story, the accused armed with deadly weapons entered into a house of village Haridashpur under Kathwali thana on 27.11.89 to kill Hafizuddin.

the house owner. But two women, Nuru Banu and Shahar Banu, who tried to save Hafiz were killed instead on the fateful day.



A villager fishing beside his submerged house at Fenchuganj.

Jamuna erosion victims have taken shelter

Nine lakh domestic

animals lost

From Our Correspondent

-Star photo

have swamped away 2,000,00

acres of land damaging

3,000,00 tons of standing

crops in 12 coastal districts.

From the primary survey re-

port, it is revealed that crops

of more than 2,75 hundred

crores Taka have been dam-

aged in the cyclone hit areas.

Besides, lakhs of farmers have

lost their domestic animals

the affected farmers need ur-

gent rehabilitation and neces-

sary agricultural loans, seeds,

fertilizers, insecticides and

cattleheads. Endeavours are

yet to be taken by the con-

cerned authorities on emer-

gency basis for agricultural re-

habilitation. It is further learnt

that, circulars are yet to be re-

ceived by the loan distributing

agencies for distribution of

loans to the farmers while

there is a standing order not

to distribute any loans to the

According to the sources,

and cattleheads.

Water supply plans in 7 dists face setback From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, June 2: Urban water supply plans in seven districts are facing setback following transfer of the plans under respective pourashava, it is alleged.

In 1986-87 fiscal year seven water supply plans were taken up in different district towns of the country namely Gaibandha, Kurigram, Sunamganj, Feni, Chuadanga, Narsingdi and Jhenidha under Japanese grant. Each plan costing Taka

treatment plants, deep turbine pumps and laying of supply According to the contract,

seven crore included two to

three overhead tanks, water

the projects will have to be

beside a road.

BARISAL, June 2 : More

than 9,000,00 domestic ani-

mals including cattleheads

were killed in the recent cy-

clone and tidal surge in seven

stitutions totally and more

than 4,000 partially were dam-

aged in the ravaged districts.

About 6.50 lakh houses were

destroyed completely and 5.40

lakh houses partially while

130 miles coastal embankment

was damaged partially and in

some places totally according

than two crore Taka along the

coastal belt have been damaged

sources, the damaged houses

should be re-constructed be-

fore the rainy season loans for

house reconstruction should

be given to the distressed

Meanwhile, the tidal surge

KISHOREGANJ, June 2

At least eight workers of

Jamaat-e-Islami were injured

two of them seriously when

they were attacked by a group

of students reportedly belong-

ing to Jatiya Chhatra League

(JCL) last evening. The Jamaat

workers brought out a

procession in the town in

protest against the attack on

Nizami on Dhaka University

campus. When the procession-

ists reached near Rathkhola

they suddenly came under the

In a joint statement district

Amir and town Amir of Jamaat-

e-Islami condemned the at-

tack. A case was registered

with Kishoreganj police in this

attack by the JCL workers.

people of the affected areas.

According to the informed

Afforestation worth more

to the primary survey.

in storm and tidal bore.

About 2,600 educational in-

districts of the country.

transferred to respective pourashava after three years of commission. During implementation of the project supervision was assigned to local Public Health Engineering Department.

Very recently head office of Health Engineering directed its local office to hand over the projects with immediate effect. But pourashava authority is showing less interest to take over the responsibility of water supply plans on the plea that the pourashava authority is unable to afford operation and maintenance of such giant project without government subsidy. Because the pourashava itself could not materialise development work due to shortage of fund even sometimes salaries of poura employees remain unpaid for months to-Under this situation the water supply plans in different

transferred under respective pourashava. Prize-giving ceremony The annual prize-giving

ceremony of Bishwa Sahittya

Kendra, Gaibandha unit for the

districts will face closure if

year 1990 was held at local Government Girls' High School on May 24. Zahidur Rahman, Editor daily Chandni Bazar was pre-

sent as chief guest and Shamer

Pal, Secretary, Zila Parishad,

Dhaka Kendra and Mr Sultanuddin Ahmed, Upazila Samaj Seva Officer were present as special guest. A total of 88 students took

Md Akmal Asstt. Co-ordinator,

part in the rating test out of 122 students. Of them 74 students were rewarded under national based programme conducted by Dhaka Kendra. Those who acquired first prizes are Irfat-e-Akhtari of Class VI, Mostafa Ali Sarker of Class VII, Sarder Shaharia Mostafa of Class VIII and Madhabi Das of Class IX.

KM Rezaul Hoque, unit Co-Ordinator, Gobindalal Das. Journalist, Amitav Das Himun and Zaharul Kayume spoke on the occasion. The function was

presided over by Abu Zafar Sabu, unit organiser. Attack on Nizami

-Star photo

condemned

Jamaat-e-Islami, Gaibandha district unit brought out a procession on May 28 protesting assault on Maulana Mattur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General of Jamaat at Dhaka University campus and demanded exemplary punishment of the accused persons.

The processionists paraded main roads of the town. Later a protest meeting was held at the cross road near Railway station. Those who spoke are Mowlana Abdul Aziz, Nazrul Islam and Aminul Hoque. The meeting was presided over by Tofayel Ahmed.

executive posts were elected unopposed. Leo Zinath Ara Alim and Leo Mir Zakaria Ali were elected President and Secretary respectively.

Other office-bearers are -First Vice President- Leo Mostaq Ahmed, Second Vice President- Leo Gulam Shahid. Third Vice President- Leo Mehdi Ahsan, Joint Secretary-Leo Zaman Sadek, Treasurer-Leo Sharifun Nehar, Tamer-Leo Hasan Habib. Tail Twister-Leo Azharul Alam, Directors-Leo Jamshedul Hague, Leo Monirul Islam, Leo Asakur Rahman and Leo Mahboobur

Rahman. Considering the performance in the club activities Leo Mustaq Ahmed was adjudged the best Leo for 1990-91. Leo Rabbi-Al-Haidery, out going President of the club conducted the election.

Chhatra Moitri Dal convening committee From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, June 2: A new 21-member conven-

ing committee of Chhatra Moitri. Kushtia Islami University unit was formed. Shah Alam Siddique (Khasru) and Md. Mohsin and Satya Biswas were elected Convenor and joint convenors respec-The members are Abdul

Matin Moni, Sayed Mahmud Sohrawardi (Shahed). Khorshed Alam Khokon, A K Azad, Sayed Ahmed Mostafa, Abu Yusuf Helali, Abdul Kader, Utpal Kumar Paul, Sayed A K Monwarul Islam, Sayed Nurul Aziz, Masud, Asaduzzaman Shahir, Md. Alim, Khademul Islam, Enamul Haque, Jhosna Begum, Rupali Lashkar and Samir Ranjan Biswas.

Soccer match

Kushtia District Sports Association arranged a football match on May 25 at the local stadium to help the cyclone affected people. The match was contested between BKSP and Kushtia District 11.

There were 10,000 specta tors and approximate collection was Taka 40,000. The BKSP defeated Kushtia 11 by 2-1 goals. After interval Milar and Taleb scored the goals on behalf of BKSP while Helal scored the lone goal on behalf of Kushtia-11.

18 injured

Eighteen persons including a student were injured in a clash over the possession of Among the injured the con-

dition of Shukur Ali, a student of class VII is critical. Others two Ali Asgar (18) and Sekendar Ali (40) were admit-Kushtia General Hospital

Hailstorm

A severe hailstorm lashed two unions of Sunderganj upazila destroying standing crops on about 500 acres of land recently.

Nazrul's birth anniversary observed BARISAL, June 2: The

92nd birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed at a function held at Asad Manson premises here on May 26, reports BSS.

Mohana Sahitya Sangskritik Sangsad, the function was addressed by Shafikur Rahman, Riaz Hossain, Abdullah Al Kabir, Hasanuzzaman, Khurshid Alam Khan and Pankaj Roy Chowdhury. They discussed various aspects of the life and works of the poet.

by presentation of Nazrul Sangeet and recitation of the

Flood situation in Maulvi Bazar

improves

The overall flood situation in Maulvi Bazar district has been improved with flood water receding in all the rivers which are now flowing below the danger level, reports BSS. The flood hit of the district

following 43 breaches occurred in Monu, Dholai, Sunai and Juri rivers.

743 square-mile area damaging Aus. Aman, Bore and seedbed in 42,000 acres. According to an official

source, to combat the situation Agriculture Extension Department has taken up agriculture rehabilitation programme. The department has already taken steps for boosting production of Aman.

Govt aims at ensuring citizens's right: Anwar Pracher Sangha, and Mr Dilip COMILLA, June 2: Shipping

Minister M K Anwar, yesterday said the basic policy of the BNP government was to ensure the rights of all citizens in the performance of their respective religions with complete freedom, reports BSS. Addressing a big Buddhist

gathering Shantiniketana Vihar at Aliswar, about 15 km from here, on the occasion of the ceremonial cremation of the Buddhist religious leader Purnananda Mahathero, the minister emphasised the role of religions as having the common goal of upholding the human values and promoting welfare of mankind.

The function was presided over by most venerable Sangharaj Shilalanker Mahathero, President of Bangladesh Sangharaj Bhikhu Mahasava, and co-chaired by most venerable Visuddhananda Mahathero, President of the Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Pracher Sangha.

The Minister said Buddhism has far ages been promoting peace, humanism and universal brotherhood.

He said, all citizens, irrespective of their religions are, imbued with common aspirations as Bangladeshis and are in the mainstream of the national life.

The meeting was addressed, among by Alamgir MP, Manirul Haq Chowdhury MP, Principal Abul Kalam Majumdar, former MP, DP Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, DR. Pranab Barua, General Secretary of

Barua, Secretary General of Bangladesh Samybadi Dal. More than 100 monks and hundreds of Buddhists from

different parts of the country joined the function to pay their last respects to the late venerable Mahathero who played a pioneering role for nearly half a century for the resurgence of

His body which had been embalmed since his death on March 12 last was ceremonially consigned to flames in a colourful cremation ceremony amid chanting of verses and religious rituals.

Zia's death anniversary observed

BARISAL, June 2: The 10th death anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh Nationalist Party, was observed here by the local unit of BNP at the office premises of the party in a befitting manner. reports BSS.

A discussion meeting was held with Shah Alam Khan in the chair. The meeting was addressed by A Rashid Khan, Syed Moazzem Hossain, Abdul Kader Sikder, Asaduzzaman Khasru, Ali Asgar Fakir, Manoar Hossain.

Besides, Quran Khwani, Milad Mahfil and student rally were also arranged on this occasion.

defaulters. Attack on Jamaat procession: 8 hurt From Our Correspondent connection. Boatman stabbed to death

A Boatman was stabbed to death by dacoits in broad daylight in the haor near village Chatir Char in Nikly Upazila on Monday (May 27). According to the police the

boat with five passengers on board was for Chowganga from Shialdi ghat. A gang of dacoits numbering six to eight came by an engine-driven boat and attacked the passengers. They started beating up the passengers and at one stage stabbed the boatman Abdus Sattar Mir (40) resulting in his instantaneous' death.

Presided over by Ajoy Roy Chowdhury, President of

The function was followed poems of the poet.

MAULVI BAZAR, June 2

The flood water inundated

Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi

Members of social service unit of Chittagong Medical College Students Union preparing oral saline for the cyclone victims.